

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of February 27, 2006**

- 1. WMATA Planning Workshop:** The WMATA planning workshop concerning the proposed development of the Takoma Metro property will be held Saturday, March 4th from 10 am to 4 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 7005 Piney Branch Road, NW, Washington, D.C. It is open to the public. Staff has learned that approximately 100 persons have signed up to participate, although advance registration is not required. Lunch will be provided. For more information, see the City's web page at www.TakomaParkMd.gov and look under Hot Topics. *(Community & Government Liaison)*
- 2. Community Center Bond Bill Hearings Scheduled:** The Maryland State Senate and House of Delegates will hold hearings on bond bills (a type of State matching grant) on Saturday, March 11 in Annapolis. Hundreds of bond bill proposals are submitted for projects across the State. Hearings on the proposed \$1 million bond bill for the gymnasium for the Takoma Park Community Center will be held at 10 am and 1 pm on that day. For more information, contact Suzanne Ludlow at SuzanneL@takomagov.org or 301-891-7229. *(Community & Government Liaison)*
- 3. Condominium Conversion Bills:** A bill that would help communities preserve rental housing and protect tenants under certain circumstances was voted on today, March 3, by the Montgomery Delegation. It lost on a 12-12 vote. However, one delegate that voted against the bill now wishes to support the effort, and several supporters are looking for new ways to incorporate key components into other pending legislation. Eight other bills relating to condominium conversion are also being considered in the State Legislature this year. For more information, contact Suzanne Ludlow, SuzanneL@takomagov.org or call 301-891-7229. *(Community & Government Liaison)*
- 4. Y.E.S. League:** City TV staff videotaped the Recreation Department's Y.E.S. League Junior Varsity Championship game on Thursday March 2. It is expected that this very popular program will be edited and aired in April. *(City TV)*
- 5. Jazz Band Brawl:** City TV staff will be using the PEG Network van to videotape the rescheduled Jazz Band Brawl this Sunday, March 5, held at Takoma Station from 2:15-6:30. These performances should also be aired starting in April. *(City TV)*
- 6. Granicus Webstreaming:** Communications, Clerk and Information Systems staff have been preparing for the official launch of the Granicus webstreaming and archiving application for the Monday March 6 Council meeting. Web site visitors are invited to visit the City website at www.takomaparkMD.gov to watch the LIVE web-stream of the Council meeting on Monday, as well to view some archives of other programs. Please see the link on the City's home page for more information. *(City TV)*
- 7. MWCOG Subcommittees:** On Monday, 2/27 Capt. Coursey and Ms. Pullet attended a joint MWCOG Police and Fire Communications subcommittee meeting that covered two important communications initiatives. The Communications Asset Survey and Mapping Tool (CASM) is a database for the National Capital Region that keeps track of communications assets. The Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan is aimed at establishing requirements and protocols to be used in major events requiring multi-jurisdictional participation. *(Police)*

8. **Officers Moving Forward:** Eight of nine officers involved in oral panels passed that level and have moved forward into the background phase. (*Police*)

9. **Officers on TV:** Takoma Park officers participated in early Monday morning television on WRC4 announcing the strict enforcement of state laws related to leaving a car unattended only when the engine is off, the keys removed, and the brake set. (*Police*)